

**Launching the Future of Science and Exploration  
Engineering Directorate Overview  
A Briefing to the Marshall Small Business Association**

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**Abstract**

The Marshall Small Business Association (MSBA) serves as a central point of contact to inform and educate small businesses interested in pursuing contracting and subcontracting opportunities at the Marshall Space Flight Center. The MSBA meets quarterly to provide industry with information about how to do business with Marshall and to share specific information about Marshall's mission, which allows private businesses to envision how they might contribute. For the February 19 meeting, the Engineering Directorate will give an overview of its unique capabilities and how it is organized to provide maximum support for the programs and projects resident at Marshall, for example, the Space Shuttle Propulsion Office, Ares Projects Office, and Science and Mission Systems Office. This briefing provides a top-level summary of the work conducted by Marshall's largest organization, while explaining how resources are deployed to perform the volume of work under Marshall's purview.



# Marshall Space Flight Center Engineering Directorate Overview

## Launching the Future of Science and Exploration



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# NASA's Strategic Goals

Retire the SHUTTLE by 2010



Complete the INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Return to THE MOON by 2020

Carry out MISSIONS of SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

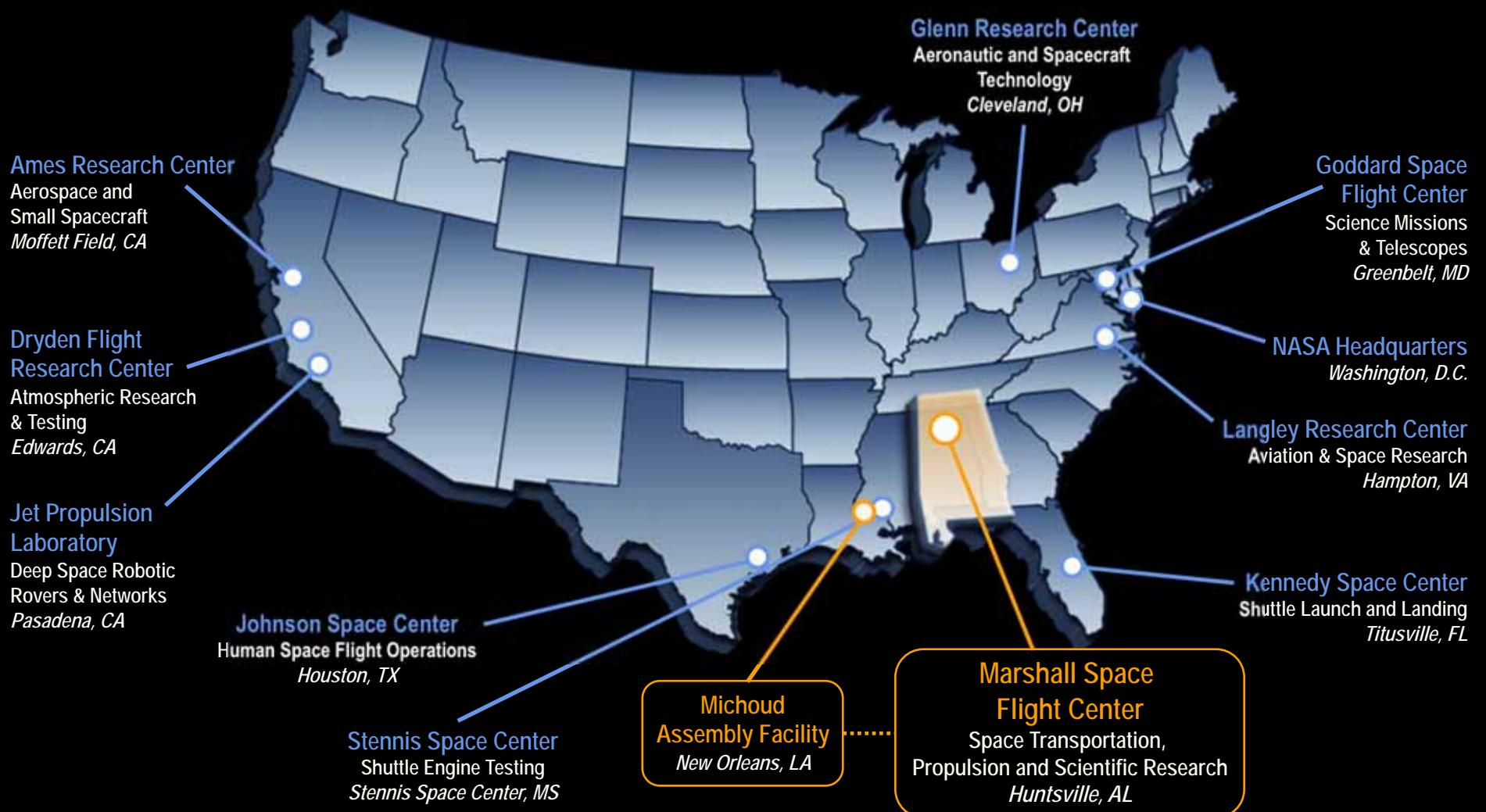
Advance U.S. aeronautics TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP

Pursue PARTNERSHIPS with commercial space sector

Provide critical capabilities to SUPPORT NASA's MISSION

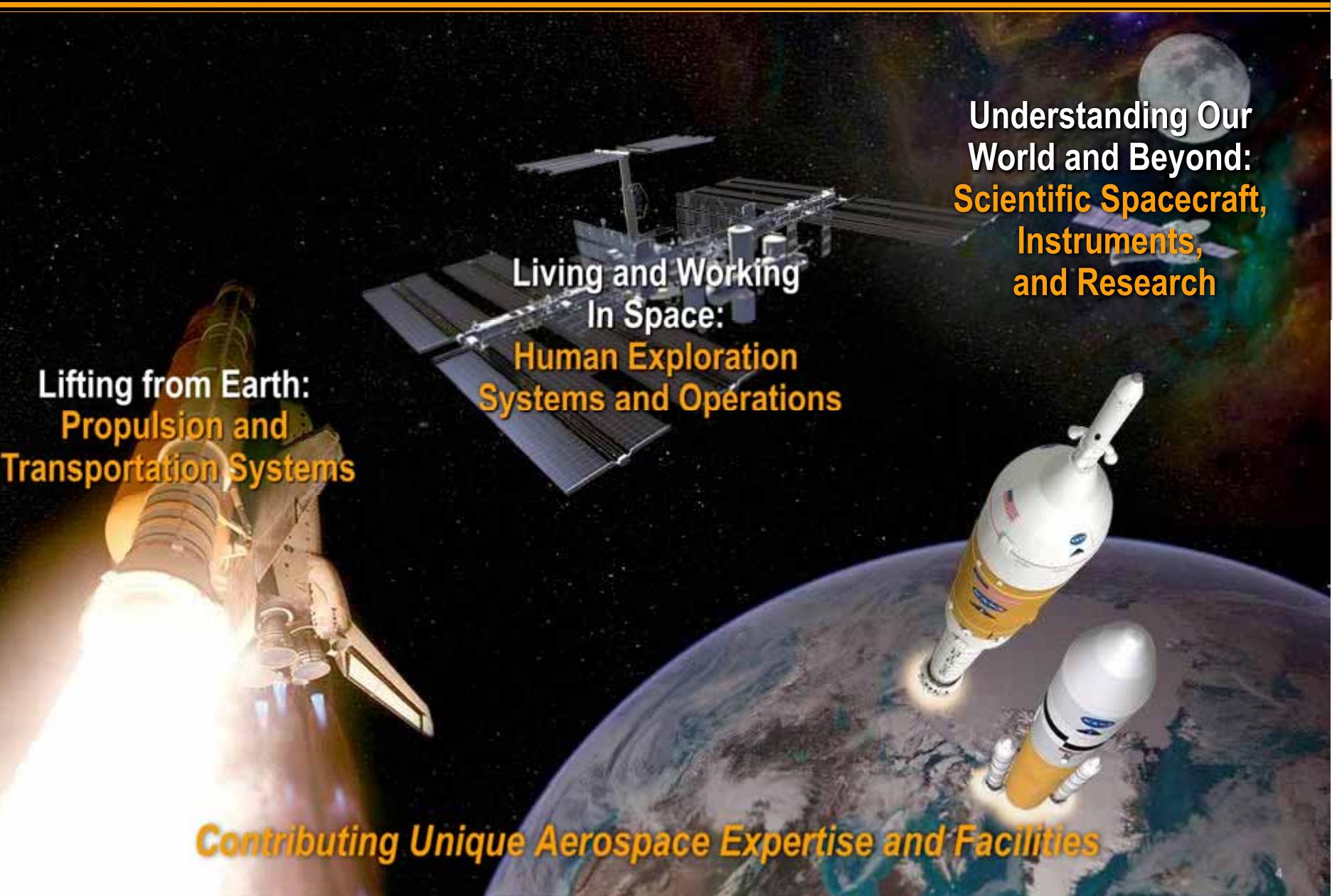
*Working with Prime and Support Contractors to Achieve NASA's Goals*

# NASA Around the Country



*Marshall has a key role in NASA's mission.*

# Empowering Space Exploration



# Exploring in Earth Orbit and Beyond

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Safely flying the Shuttle to complete the International Space Station and service the Hubble Space Telescope

Developing innovative propulsion technologies

Engineering avionics, structures, materials, and mechanisms



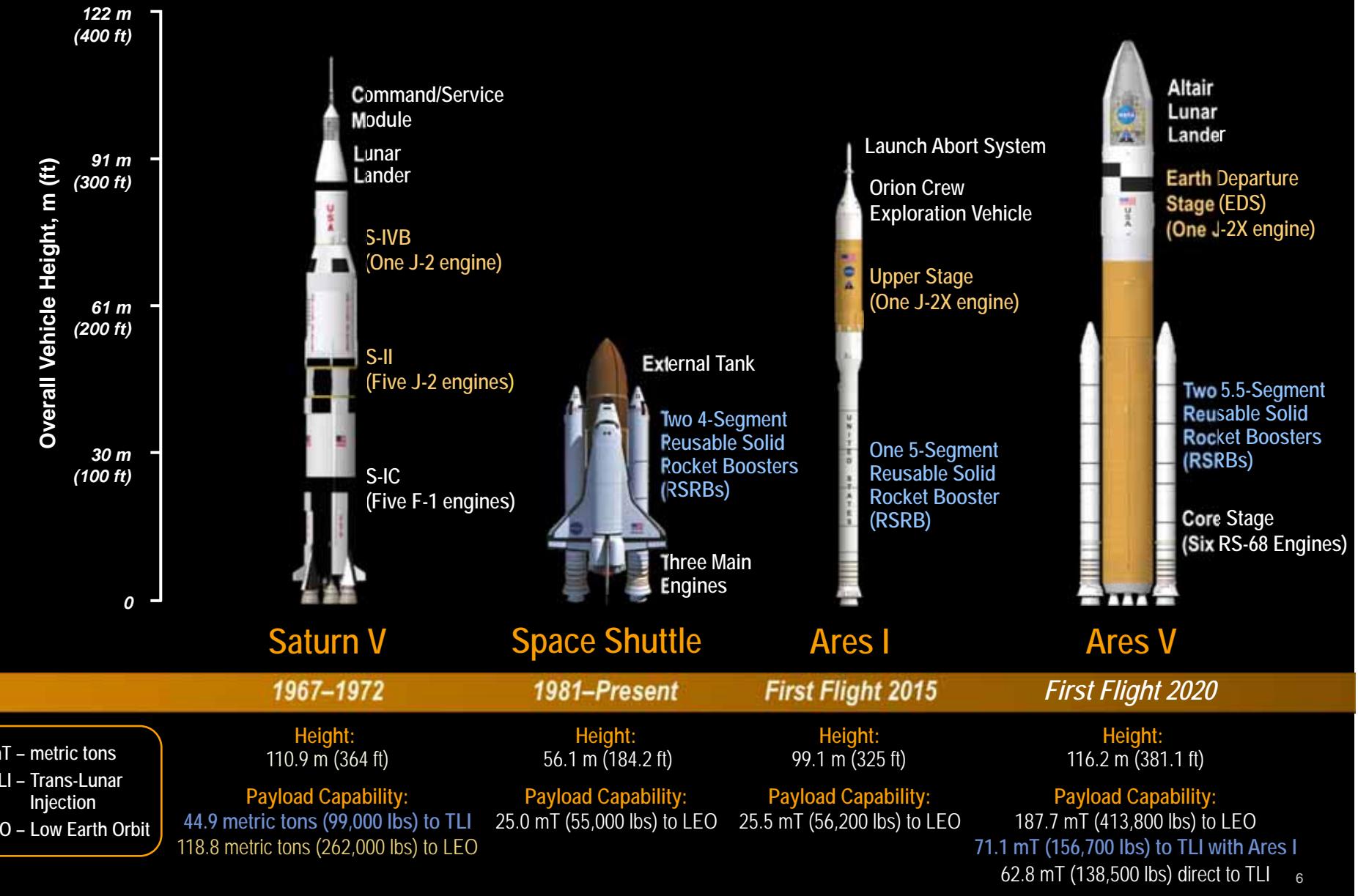
Developing the Ares I crew launch and the Ares V cargo launch vehicle

Designing the Upper Stage and Integrating the Ares I Stack In House

First test flight is scheduled for 2009

*Opening the Door to Discovery*

# Building on Proven Systems and Experience Base



# Making Possible Off-Planet Operations

## Life Support and Science

- Producing Clean Air and Recycling Water
- Managing Science Operations Around-the-Clock
- Making Science Experimentation Possible in Space

## Future Systems

- Providing Exploration Life Support Systems and Radiation Hardened Electronics
- Developing Altair Lunar Lander Systems
- Utilizing Lunar Resources



Payload Operations Center



Lunar Resources



Environmental Control & Life Support



Altair Lunar Lander



Working in Space

*Helping Crews Survive and Thrive in Space*

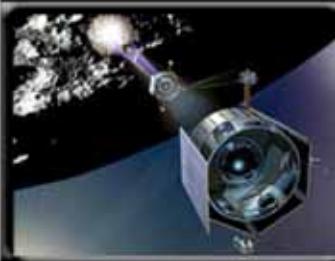
# Supporting the Range of Science Missions

## Earth Science:

- Monitoring the Environment
- Accurately Predicting Weather
- Researching Hurricane Activities

## Space Science:

- Preparing for crewed missions to the Moon with robotic precursor spacecraft
- Learning about Earth's planetary neighborhood
- Discovering secrets of the cosmos



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Discovery/  
New Frontiers



Lightning  
Research



JWST/  
Marshall XRCF

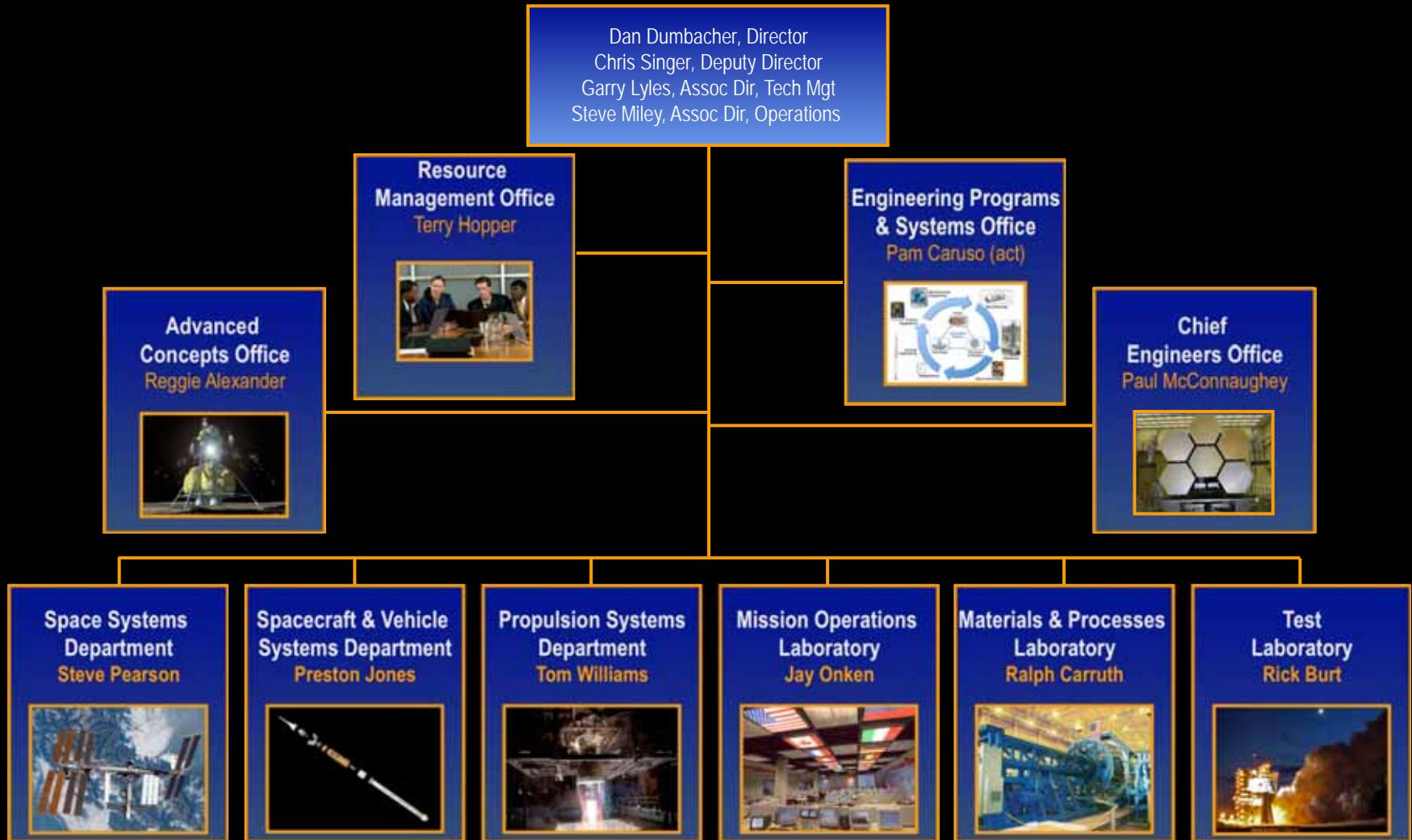


Hurricane  
Research

*Delivering Systems that Expand Knowledge and Improve Life on Earth*

# Marshall Space Flight Center

## Engineering Directorate



*Crosscutting Capabilities for Marshall's Product Lines*

# Engineering Directorate Capabilities

## Advanced Concepts



- Concept Definition, Integration, & Analysis
  - Earth-to-Orbit Transportation
  - In-Space Transportation
  - Planetary Surface Systems
- Mission Analysis
- Architecture Analysis
- Technology Assessments

## Space Systems



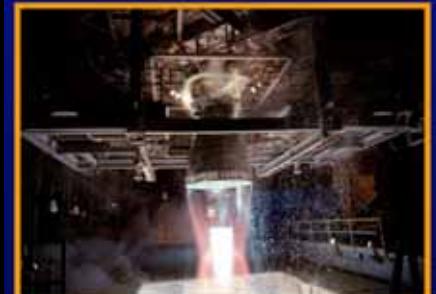
- Systems Engineering & Integration
- Avionics
- Software
- Electrical Integration
- Mechanical Systems
- Fabrication & Assembly Services
- Environmental Control & Life Support Systems

## Spacecraft & Vehicle Systems



- Systems Engineering & Integration
- Tank/Structures Design
- Loads & Dynamics
- Mechanisms
- Terrestrial & Space Environments
- Induced Environments
- Modeling & Simulation
- Guidance, Navigation, & Control

## Propulsion Systems



- Propulsion Engineering
- Liquids & Solids
- Component Design
- Fluid Systems Design & Analysis
- Computational Fluid Mechanics
- In-Space Propulsion
- Nuclear Propulsion

*Organized for Mission Success*

# Engineering Directorate Capabilities (*continued*)

## Mission Operations



- Operations Concepts
- Ground Systems
  - Design Development
  - Certification
  - Operation
- Flight Operations
  - Mission Design
  - Crew Procedures & Timelines
  - Flight Controller Cert.
  - On-board Facility Ops

## Materials & Processes



- Metallics
- Composites
- Ceramics
- Environmental Effects
- Fracture & Failure Analysis
- NDE & Tribology
- Chemistry & Combustion Research

## Test Lab



- Propulsion Testing
- Structural Testing
- Thermal Vacuum
- Shock & Vibration
- Acoustic
- Experimental Fluids Test & Development
- Advanced Instrumentation Application

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# Engineering Directorate Capabilities (*continued*)

## Resource Management Office



- Business Operations
- IT Resources
- Administrative Support
- Fiscal Accountability
- Business Processes
- Workforce & Resource Planning

## Programs & Systems Office



- Integrated Engineering Tools
- Streamlined Processes
- Engineering Technical Standards Program
- Innovative Partnerships
- Technology Transfer

## Chief Engineers Office

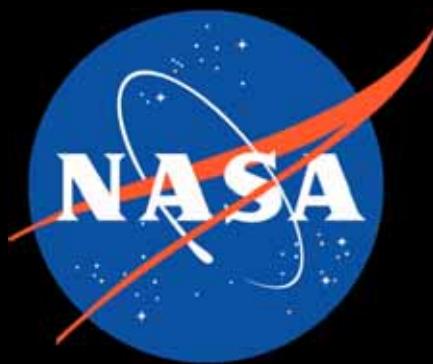


- Focal Point for Technical Excellence & Authority
- Cross-cutting Technical Leadership
- Senior Network of Systems Engineers
- Reps in Programs & Projects Supported

*Organized for Mission Success*

## For More Information

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[www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/marshall)

*Doing Business With Marshall*  
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# Backup

# Ares I Elements

